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U.S. Patent Nos. 6,334,197, 6,304,985, 6,023,783, 6,014,411 and Japanese Patent No. 10-255402 were cited in the attached Austrian Communication (Search and Examination Report) issued January 15, 2004. An English language version of the foreign communication is attached for the Examiner's information. Both the Austrian Communication and the English Abstracts are relied upon to satisfy the requirement of a statement of relevance for the attached references.

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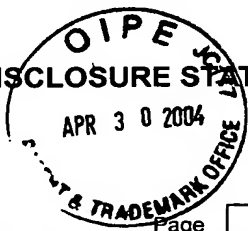
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